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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - STATUS OF COUNTY-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains the status of the 11 County-sponsored measures for which authors or legislative vehicles were secured in the first year of the 2013-14 Legislative Session. Through the efforts of this office and the Sacramento advocates, eight County-sponsored bills were signed by the Governor and will become effective January 1, 2014. One bill was vetoed by the Governor, and two bills were held by the Legislature. This office and the Sacramento advocates will pursue enactment of these three measures when the Legislature reconvenes in January 2014.

Enacted County-Sponsored Legislation

AB 195 (Hall) - Extension of the Sunset Date for Design-Build Authority. This bill amends Section 20133 of the Public Contract Code to extend the existing sunset date for design-build authority granted to counties from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2016. AB 195 was signed by the Governor on August 19, 2013, and it is Chapter 121, Statutes of 2013.

AB 246 (Bradford) - Amendment to the Brown Act. This bill authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to hold closed session meetings with the Governor on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, a threat to the security of essential public services, or a threat to the public's right of access to public services or public facilities. AB 246 was signed by the Governor on June 24, 2013, and it is Chapter 11, Statutes of 2013.

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AB 331 (Garcia) - Elections Consolidation. This bill requires elections consolidated with a Statewide or regularly scheduled county election be conducted under applicable State and Federal laws, including relevant county election procedures and practices. The bill also requires that local jurisdictions acknowledge in their resolution requesting election consolidation that the election be conducted pursuant to specified provisions required by this measure. AB 331 was signed by the Governor on August 13, 2013, and it is Chapter 98, Statutes of 2013.

AB 506 (Mitchell) - Routine HIV Testing of Infants Placed in Foster Care. This bill allows a social worker, under specified conditions, to provide consent for an HIV test as a part of the routine physical examination for an infant less than 12 months of age who is placed in foster care. AB 506 was signed by the Governor on August 26, 2013, and it is Chapter 153, Statutes of 2013.

AB 512 (Rendon) - Licensing Exemptions for Volunteer Out-of-State Medical Practitioners. This bill extends the sunset date of **County-sponsored AB 2699** (Chapter 270, Statutes of 2010), which provides exemptions from State licensing requirements for qualified out-of-State health care practitioners to provide short-term, volunteer medical and dental services from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2018. AB 512 was signed by the Governor on August 16, 2013, and it is Chapter 111, Statutes of 2013.

SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) - Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board Designee. Among other provisions, this bill contains a County-sponsored amendment to Section 32556 of the Public Resources Code to allow the seat on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy governing board that is designated for the Los Angeles County Supervisor within whose district the Conservancy is located, to be filled by a designee of the Supervisor. SB 184 was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2013, and it is Chapter 210, Statutes of 2013.

SB 191 (Padilla) - Emergency Medical Services. This bill extends the sunset date of Ritchie's Fund which authorizes counties to augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by collecting an additional penalty assessment for specified crimes to fund pediatric trauma centers from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2017. SB 191 was signed by the Governor on October 5, 2013, and it is Chapter 600, Statutes of 2013.

SB 360 (Padilla) - Development of New Voting Systems. This bill: 1) establishes a specified State certification and testing process for voting systems; 2) permits local jurisdictions to pilot publicly-owned voting systems; and 3) allows Voting Modernization Funds to be used for the research and development of voting systems. SB 360 was signed by the Governor on October 5, 2013, and it is Chapter 602, Statutes of 2013.

County-Sponsored Legislation to be Pursued in 2014

This office and the Sacramento advocates will continue to pursue the enactment of the following County-sponsored measures when the Legislature reconvenes in January 2014.

AB 1065 (Holden) - Mentally Disordered Offenders. As introduced on February 22, 2013, this bill would require that a person released from State prison who has served a previous prison term during which they were designated a Mentally Disordered Offender be released to State parole supervision. AB 1065 was held in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 30, 2013.

SB 473 (Block) - Human Trafficking. As amended on September 3, 2013, this bill would add human trafficking to the list of felony offenses that may be used to establish a pattern of criminal gang activity pursuant to Proposition 21 and make an individual eligible for enhanced criminal sentences and penalties. SB 473 was placed on the Assembly Inactive File on September 11, 2013 at the request of the author.

SB 804 (Lara) - Conversion Technologies. This bill which would revise the definition of the term biomass conversion to include, in addition to controlled combustion used for producing heat or electricity, the conversion technology used in a biomass conversion technology facility, among other provisions, was vetoed by the Governor on October 11, 2013.

In his veto message, the Governor noted that while he agreed with the bill's intent, he found that late amendments to the bill made it "overly complicated and unworkable." The Governor also redirected the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, in conjunction with the County, and other stakeholders, to develop an approach that would apply to all biomass facilities irrespective of the technologies used, to be introduced in a bill next year.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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